

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re Application of:</p> <p>Inventors: David K. Swanson <i>et al.</i></p> <p>App. No.: 10/727,144</p> <p>Filing Date: December 2, 2003</p> <p>Title: CLAMP BASED METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING LESIONS IN TISSUE AND CONFIRMING WHETHER A THERAPEUTIC LESION HAS BEEN FORMED</p>	<p>Examiner: Roane, Aaron F.</p> <p>Art Unit: 3739</p> <p>Docket No. 03-0117 (US01)</p> <p>Confirmation No. 5308</p>
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**AMENDMENT AND REPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 13, 2007, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

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